

Carpentry Program Advisory Meeting
January 21, 2020
Eden Prairie Campus

Members present: Jim Gans, Jamie Olinger, Megan Blakeborough, Jason Arndt, Abbey Bird

HTC Staff: Bill Joos, Jay Carlson, Bill Krause, Alison Leintz, Kim Urahn

Introductions were made.

Internship credits was added as an agenda item.

Student count: Bill J. at epc - 19, Jay & Bill K. at bpc – 16.

Carpentry and Plumbing classes are working on projects together. It's been working really well for both programs.

There was discussion regarding women in the field, possible classes for women only, summer sessions and/or camps.

Faculty will have a booth at the Builders and Remodelers show in February and the Home and Garden show in March for recruiting. We have open houses coming up on campus this spring; March 4th at Brooklyn Park and April 7th at Eden Prairie. RSVP on the HTC website.

Industry trends: the industry is continuously hiring, there are not enough prospective employees available to keep up with the demand. Jamie said 9 out of 10 Plekkenpole employees went to school at Hennepin Tech.

There was discussion regarding ways to be efficient and doing as much as possible off site to save time on site. Safety is the highest priority.

We talked about how many internship credits the students should be taking and what electives and general education classes should be offered or required. Alison will meet with the program faculty to get these options narrowed down, then bring it back to the committee at our next meeting.

Megan asked what industry could do for the school. Any donations would be greatly appreciated – tools, doors, windows, stair parts, lumber, any materials.

Bill asked if employees might be available to come in and talk to the classes. Abbey offered tours for groups of students.

The next advisory committee meeting is scheduled at 4:00 pm. on Tuesday, March 24, at the Brooklyn Park campus. The college wide advisory member appreciation dinner will follow beginning at 6:00 p.m.